

CITY OF SALINA



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Water Warning Monthly News Release

	April 30 Weekly Avg	May 7 Weekly Avg	May 14 Weekly Avg	May 21 Weekly Avg	May Monthly Avg
High Temperature - F	74	80	77	76	77
Mentor Gauge – cfs (1)	358	2,369	2,153	2,697	1,895
Water Wells - MGD	2.6 (45%)	3.0 (48%)	2.9 (45%)	2.7 (42%)	2.8 (45%)
River Water - MGD	3.2 (55%)	3.2 (52%)	3.6 (55%)	3.7 (58%)	3.4 (55%)
Treated Water - MGD	5.8 (100%)	6.2 (100%)	6.5 (100%)	6.4 (100%)	6.2 (100%)

(1) Smoky Hill River Recorded Mean River Flow

June Projections:

Temperature	Temperatures are expected to be above normal.
Precipitation	Precipitation is expected to be above normal.
Water Supply	60% demand from the river water and 40% demand from the water wells.

The month of May was the wettest ever May in Salina. The rainfall amount at the Salina Airport was 15.96 inches. The current groundwater level in the heart of the well field has remained constant with a slight increase. The groundwater level reacts slowly to rainfall; therefore, it takes years for the groundwater level to reach normal to above normal levels. The Water Warning will remain in effect until December 31, 2007. Conserving water will aid in recharging of the groundwater level.